GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

S.E -Intermediate Education - Providing certain exemptions & concessions to the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) or Divyang as per Section 17 of the R.P.wD Act and NEP - 2020 for the candidates appearing for 1st Year and 2nd Year Intermediate Public Examinations, from the Academic Year 2021- 2022 - Orders - Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (IE-A2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.12

Dated: 04/03/2022
Read the following:-

1. From the Secy, DSE&L, GoI, D.O.No.9-39/2021-IS.18, Dated: 09-11-2021.
2. From the Secretary, B.I.E., A.P., File No.SS-15023/20/2021-SAMO-SSA (Computer No.1560017).

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ORDER:-

The Secretary, B.I.E., AP, in his letter 2nd read above, has submitted necessary proposal for providing certain exemptions / concessions for CwSN (Children with Special Needs) or Divyang, as per Section 17 of the RPwD Act and NEP -2020 for the candidates appearing for Intermediate Public Examinations for 1st Year and 2nd Year from the Academic Year, 2021 - 2022 for approval of the Government.

2. Government, after careful consideration of the matter, hereby approve the draft rules for providing certain exemptions / concessions for CwSN (Children with Special Needs) or Divyang, as per Section - 17 of the R.P.wD Act and NEP - 2020 for the candidates appearing for 1st Year and 2nd Year Intermediate Public Examinations from the Academic Year, 2021 - 2022, as indicated in Annexure-I and Annexure - II appended to this G.O.

3. The Secretary, B.I.E., A.P., shall take further necessary accordingly, action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B Rajsekhar I A S
Special Chief Secretary To Govt

To
The Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.

Copy to:-
The Commissioner of Intermediate Education, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Addl. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (Edn).
The P.S to Special Chief Secretary to Government (SE).
SF/SCs.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - I
[to G.O.Ms.No.12, dated: 04-03-2022]

Exemptions/Concessions Rules applicable for Children with Special needs for the 1st and 2nd year Intermediate Students for the Intermediate Public Examinations.

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1 (a). **Definition & List of Disabilities:**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the definition of 'certifying authority', 'person with benchmark disability', 'person with disability', 'specified disability', and the definition of disabilities are as detailed in the sections and schedules of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016) and the rules and amendments to the Act notified by the Government of India and Andhra Pradesh from time to time.

The List of disabilities recognized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing exemptions/ concessions in the Intermediate Public Examinations:

SI.No.	Disability Category	Disability Code	Name of the Disability**
1.	Physical Disability – Locomotor Disability	HL	Leprosy Cured Persons
		HC	Cerebral Palsy
		HD	Dwarfism
		HM	Muscular Dystrophy
		HA	Acid Attack Victims
2.	Physical Disability - Visual Impairment	BB	Blindness
		BL	Low Vision
3.	Physical Disability - Hearing Impairment	DD	Deaf
		DH	Hard of Hearing
4.	Physical Disability - Speech and Language Disability	DS	Speech and Language Disability
5.	Intellectual Disability	CS	i. Dyslexia ii. Dysgraphia iii. Dyscalculia iv. Dyspraxia, v. Developmental Aphasia
		CA	Autism Spectrum Disorder

6.	Mental Behavior	SM	Mental Illness
7.	Disability caused due to Chronic Neurological conditions & Blood Disorders	SN	Chronic Neurological Conditions: 1. Multiple Sclerosis 2. Parkinson's Disease
		SB	Blood Disorders: 1. Haemophilia 2. Thalassemia 3. Sickle cell Disease
8.	Multiple Disabilities	SD	Multiple Disabilities
** The Definition of disabilities are defined in the schedule of the rights of persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.			

2. **General Exemptions / Concessions for all the CwSN:**

Sl.NO	Concessions	Description
1.	Issuing Authority of Medical Certificate	The medical certificate issued by the following agencies/organizations will be considered for granting concessions to CwSN: i) Disability Certificate(s) issued by Government hospitals controlled by either the Central or State Governments from the Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/Medical Superintendent. ii) Disability Certificate(s) issued by Recognized Institutes of national-level viz. National Association for the Blind, Spastic Society of India etc; and iii) Disability Certificate(s) issued by Non governmental Organizations (NGOs)/ practitioners registered With the Rehabilitation Council of India/ Central Government/ State Government of the Respective State. iv) The disability certificate issued by the competent authority at any place will be accepted. v) The Disability certificate issued by the SADAREM vi) The proforma of the certificate regarding physical limitation for an examinee to write will be framed and circulated by the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh.

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<tr><td>2.</td><td>The facility of Scribe and Compensatory time</td><td>i. Candidates with disabilities as defined in The Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act 2016 are permitted to use a Scribe (or) allowed Compensatory time as given below (or) both:
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<tr><td>Paper Duration</td><td>Compensatory Time (20 Minutes for each hour)</td></tr>
<tr><td>3 Hours 15 Minutes</td><td>65 Minutes</td></tr>
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<tr><td>3.</td><td>Appointment of Scribe and related instructions</td><td>i) The candidate will have the discretion of opting for his/her own scribe/reader or request the examination centre for the same.

ii) In case Scribe/Reader is provided by the Examination Centre, the qualification of the Scribe will not be more than the minimum Qualification criteria of the examination.

iii) In case the candidate is allowed to bring his/her scribe, the qualification of the scribe should be one step below the qualification of the candidate taking the examination. The person with benchmark disabilities opting for their own Scribe/Reader should submit the details of the own scribe/Reader as per proforma issued by the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh. The Candidate will also have the option of meeting the scribe two days before the examination to check the suitability.

iv) Candidates will be allowed to change Scribe /Reader in the case of emergency. The candidate will also be allowed to take more than one scribe/reader for writing different papers, in the case of language papers. However, there will be only one scribe per</td></tr>
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		subject. V) Chief Superintendent of the examination centre concerned will forward to the Regional Inspection Officer (RIO) concerned of the District, a report giving full particulars of the candidate and that of the scribe. Vi) A suitable room will be arranged for the candidate for whom a scribe is allowed and a separate Assistant Superintendent will be appointed by the Chief Superintendent to supervise his/her examination. Vii) Services of Scribe will be provided free of cost. Viii) The Scribe will be paid remuneration by the Chief Superintendent as per norms set by the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh
4.	Other General Instructions/ Facilities	i) To facilitate easy access, the Jumbling Process for examination purposes is abolished to all CwSN and the same Junior College Center or nearby Junior College center will be allotted, as per the feasibility. ii) Junior Lecturers from Junior Colleges for the visually impaired will be appointed as Assistant Superintendent/Invigilator at the special examination centres for the visually disabled as and when required. However, due precaution is to be taken to appoint different subject Lecturers on different days. iii) Answer booklets of Candidates with Benchmark Disabilities will be sent separately by the chief Superintendents. iv) A separate column will be provided on the title page of the answer booklet for indicating the category of disability. V) Use of calculators or assistive devices is permitted in any of the examinations conducted by the Board of Intermediate Education. A.P. Only if specified in the disability-specific list of exemptions and concessions.

		Vi) Visually Impaired candidates are permitted to carry Magnifying Glass/ Portable Video Magnifier. Vii) Only the candidates belonging to the following categories of disabilities will be permitted to use a computer / laptop during the examination: HL, HC, HD, HM. HA, BB. BL. S M. SN, SB. SD disability codes only. Viii) The Computer/Laptop will be allowed by the candidates of the above mentioned categories as per the actual need and skills of the CwSN duly supported by a certificate issued by registered medical practitioners/ qualified psychological consultants recommending the use of the Computer facility for writing the examination citing the ground on which recommendation for use of computer has been made. Such permission will be granted by the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education upon receiving an application from the concerned Junior College Principal, subject to the following: Use of computer will be limited to typing answers. viewing the questions in the enlarged font size and listening to the questions only. a. The Candidate will bring his/her computer or laptop duly formatted and the Chief Superintendent will allow such candidate after an inspection by the computer Lecturer and the same Lecturer may do the monitoring of the use of the computer during the examination duration. Chief Superintendent may compensate for the loss of time, if any, and recorded the same. b. The computer / Laptop brought by the candidate will not have any active internet connection so as to maintain the sanctity of the examinations. c. The Candidate will use the Computer/ Laptop only for the purpose for which permission has been granted by the Secretary,Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh.

		d. Such requests along with specific recommendations by the competent medical authority / qualified psychology consultant will be sent to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh who will verify all such requests and grant permission to the student for the use of a computer/laptop in the examination if found valid. e. Responsibility for use & safety of the computer / laptop will be lie with the candidate and Board will not be liable for any consequences arising out of any mishappening on account of the use of such devices. ix) Provision of 'Reader' will be provided to read the question paper in case the student with a disability does not want to avail of the scribe facility. However, the role of the Reader will be limited to reading the Question Paper only. Request for availing the services of the Reader will be made by the Junior College Principal concerned to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh with the recommendations by the registered medical practitioners/ authorized psychologist. Such cases will be referred to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh through proper channel by the Junior College Principal and the permission will be accorded on a case-by-case basis based on the merit of such request. Candidates availing the services of the Reader will not be allowed to use the services of the scribe. x) Proper seating arrangements (preferably on the ground floor) will be made prior to the commencement of the examination to avoid confusion.
5.	Other Special Instruction / Facilities for CwSN in Certain special situations	Certain special facilities listed below may be availed by all the CwSN in extraordinary circumstances only. Request to avail these facilities has to be placed before the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh through proper channel by the College Principal along with all supporting medical evidence and permission will be accorded on a

		case-by case basis based on the merit of such request only after considering the feasibility. a) Provision to avail rest breaks during the examination. b) Provision to candidate to take the examinations in a Govt/ Pvt. Hospital/ Rehabilitation Centre/ other medical facility recognized by the Government. of A.P. under strict Supervision. if necessary, on a case-by-case basis only. c) Provision to avail of the services of a Care Assistant, Prompter or communicator during the examination. d) Provision to access the services of "Sign Language Interpreters in the case of Hearing Impaired CwSN only, if necessary.
6.	Fee	Application & Examination Fee for the Intermediate Public Examinations will not be charged from all the CwSN for both Inter 1st & 2nd Year.

3. Candidates with Special Needs (CwSN) who wish to appear the Intermediate Public Examinations conducted by the BIE A.P. and who wish to avail the exemptions/concessions should approach the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh through the Head of the Institution, preferably while studying in Inter 1st and 2nd year. The application should be forwarded by the Head of the Institute by duly enclosing the original medical certificate or the photocopy of the medical certificate duly attested by a Gazetted Officer. Only those students would be considered for grant of exemptions/ concessions, whose category of disability is duly entered in the application form of Inter Public Examinations.

4. The Chief Superintendent of the Examination Centre will form a panel of eligible scribes/ readers/ prompters (as per the eligibility criteria) to be provided to the CwSN candidates in the examination centres under their control and submit the list to the Regional Inspection Officer for approval. The RIO will communicate the approved list to the Secretary of Intermediate Education, A.P.

5. The Standard Operating Procedure' (SOP) for availing the exemptions, the proforma for the letter of undertaking for using own scribe will be framed and communicated to all the stakeholders by the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh.

6. A dedicated Grievance Redressal Helpline to support the Children with Special Needs (CwSN) and other stakeholders before/during/after the examinations will be constituted by the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh and the information will be made available in the public domain and will widely circulated to all the stakeholders.

7. The exemptions and concessions provided by the Board of Intermediate Education, A.P., will be prominently displayed on the official website and will be made accessible in all the official languages of the state.

B Rajsekhar I A S
Special Chief Secretary To Govt

ANNEXURE – II
[To G.O.Ms.No.12, dated 04.03.2022]

DISABILITY SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS & CONCESSIONS

Sl. No	Disability Code	Name Of The Disability**	Exemption and Concessions
	Physical Disability –Locometer Disability		
1	HL	Leprosy Cured Persons	a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks will be reduced from 35% to 10% (Thirty-five% to Ten%) marks in all the subjects from classes 1st and 2nd Year candidates and also for Intermediate Public Examinations. b) For the purpose of valuation, certain Grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps will be ignored, wherever necessary. c) Separate answer scripts (Thick paper) will be provided for the examinations. d) Suitable assistive devices like calculators, computers and facilities like appropriate chairs & tables will be provided by the candidate, if necessary. e) Exemption from Studying &
2	HC	Cerebral Palsy	
3	HD	Dwarfism	
4	HM	Muscular Dystrophy	
5	HA	Acid Attack Victims	

			appearing in any one (1) language out of the three. f) Permitted to avail the services of the scribe and compensatory time. g) Rest breaks may be permitted during the examination, if necessary h) The Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh, will permit the candidate to take the examinations in a Hospital under the Supervision, if necessary, on a case-by-case basis. i)Permitted to avail the services of Care Assistant during the examination, if necessary, with the prior permission of the Secretary, Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh .
	Physical Disability – Visual Impairment		
6.	BB	Blindness	a)The qualifying criteria and pass marks will be reduced from 35% to 20% (Thirty five% to Twenty%) marks in all the subjects for 1st and 2nd year candidates and Intermediate Public Examinations for the candidates who come under "BB" Disability Code only this exemption does not apply to the candidates under "BL" Disability code i.e., Low Vision. b) For the purpose of valuation, certain Grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps will be ignored, wherever necessary. C) Suitable assistive devices (Abacus, Tyler frame, magnifying glass, Portable video magnifier, Braille Slate, Geometry kit, Braille Measuring tappet) will be permitted in the examinations as per the requirement.
7.	BL	Low Vision	

			d) Separate answer scripts (thick paper) will be provided for the examinations. e) Suitable assistive devices like calculators, computers and facilities like appropriate chairs & tables may be used by the candidate in the examination, if necessary. f) Exemption from Studying & writing any one (1) language subject out of the two. g) Permitted to avail the services of the scribe and compensatory time. h) Alternative Objective Questions in lieu of descriptive questions requiring visual inputs will be provide for candidates with visual impairment.
	Physical Disability - Hearing Impairment		
8.	DD	Deaf	a. The qualifying criteria and pass marks will be reduced from 35% TO 20% (Thirty five% to Twenty%) marks in all the subjects for 1st and 2nd year Candidates and Intermediate public Examinations. b. For the purpose of valuation, only certain Grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors will be ignored, wherever necessary. c. Students with Hearing Impairment are permitted to study & write only one (1) language subject out of the two. d. Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement. e. Alternative objective questions in lieu of descriptive questions will be provided for candidates with Hearing Impairment.
9.	DH	Hard of Hearing	
	Physical Disability – Speech & Language Disability		
10.	DS	Speech & Language Disability	a. The qualifying criteria and pass marks will be reduced from 35% to 20% (Thirty five% to Twenty%)

			marks in all the subjects for 1st and 2nd year candidates and Intermediate Public Examinations. b. For the purpose of valuation only certain Grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors will be ignored, wherever necessary. c. Suitable assistive devices may be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.
	Intellectual Disability		
11.	CS	Specific Learning Disabilities, Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyspraxia, Development Aphasia	a. Candidates with Specific Learning Disabilities are exempted from writing one language paper. b. For the purpose of valuation, only certain Grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors will be ignored, wherever necessary. c. A concession of Twenty% (20%) marks for a single subject or Twenty% (20%) marks divided totally among all subjects will be awarded to the student who does not secure minimum qualifying marks in his / her examinations for 1st and 2ndyear candidates and Intermediate Public Examinations. d. Suitable assistive devices can be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.
12.	CA	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	a. The qualifying criteria and pass marks will be reduced from 35% to 10% (Thirty five% to Ten%) marks in all the subjects for 1st and 2nd year candidates and Intermediate Public Examinations. b. For the purpose of valuation, certain Grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps will be ignored, wherever necessary. c. Separate answer scripts (Thick paper) will be provided for the examinations. d. Suitable assistive devices can be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement.
	Mental Behaviour		

13.	SM	Mental Illness	a) The qualifying criteria and pass marks will be reduced from 35% to 10% (Thirty five% to Ten%) marks in all the subjects for 1st and 2nd year candidates and Intermediate Public Examinations. b)For the purpose of valuation, certain Grammatical mistakes, punctuation errors, Graphs, Geometry and Maps will be ignored, wherever necessary. c) Suitable assistive devices can be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement
	Chronic Neurological Conditions & Blood Disorders		
14	SN	Chronic Neurological Conditions: Multiple Sclerosis Parkinson's Disease	a) candidates with Specific Learning Disabilities are exempted from writing one language paper. b) For the purpose of valuation only certain Grammatical mistakes, and punctuation errors will be ignored, wherever necessary c) Suitable assistive devices can be availed by the candidate, as per the requirement
15	SB	Blood Disorders: Haemophilia Thalassemia Sickle Cell Disease.	
	Multiple Disabilities		
16	SD	Multiple Disabilities	The exemptions & concessions would be provided based on the nature of disabilities as mentioned above.
**The Definition of disabilities are defined in the Schedule of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.			

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